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The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
House of Representatives  
H-204, U.S. Capitol Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Leader McCarthy:

Thank you for informing me of your apparent interest in provisions of the CARES Act that have expired or are set to expire. Given our shared interest in ensuring that the remaining funds associated with the Paycheck Protection Program can be disbursed to new business applicants, I also wanted to take this opportunity to make you aware of additional CARES Act authorizations and programs that are set to expire and invite you to join me and my colleagues in supporting an extension of all of these programs that are so critical to the people we represent.

To be clear: I strongly support efforts to pass a new and robust stimulus package through Congress, negotiations from which you have been conspicuously absent. To date, you have contributed little but partisan commentary from the sidelines.

But we are also confronting another significant challenge on the horizon: the expiration of a variety of programs and policies under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. These include programs that support small businesses, like the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), unemployment enhancements, like Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation and Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, and critical relief for renters and homeowners through the CARES Act provisions allowing for a moratorium on evictions and mortgage deferral. In addition, the requirement to spend all funds allocated from the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) by the end of the year has forced states into the position of spending funds now which they could surely make better use of in 2021 as we prepare to distribute a successful vaccine to the American people.

Addressing these particular challenges would not all require new funding, but they do require leadership and congressional action. While we should not lose sight of the need for a new round of stimulus, we would be foolish not to prepare for a situation in which the best step we can take in the next several weeks is to ensure that these important programs and authorities do not expire on December 31st.

Despite the fact that the pandemic has now claimed the lives of a quarter million Americans, it has been disappointing to see that you have not played a more significant role in bringing House

Republicans to the table to find a path forward. However, it is not too late for you to do the right thing. Americans across the country are desperate for congressional leaders like yourself to quit the partisan games and come together for the good of the country. You have the opportunity to abandon your politics of division and help lead your caucus to consensus. I urge you to change course and join us in an effort to put our constituents and the country first.

Thank you for your consideration of these important matters. I stand ready to assist in any way to address the ongoing pandemic and our response.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jared F. Golden", is written over a horizontal line.

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Member of Congress